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January 31, 2022

Honorable Judge Katherine Polk Failla  
United States District Judge  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

## VIA ECF

*Re: Application of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to  
Unseal Certain Search Warrant Applications and Related Judicial  
Documents (18-mc-0320 (KPF))*

Dear Judge Failla:

Petitioner Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (“Reporters Committee”) and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (“Government”) write in response to the Court’s order dated December 22, 2021 (Docket No. 45), directing the submission of a joint status letter regarding the above-captioned case, which is currently stayed through January 31, 2022.

Since the Court’s last order, the Government has continued its discussions with the Clerk’s Office regarding electronic filing of sealed applications and orders. In particular, the Clerk’s Office has shared with the Government certain templates to be used in the pilot project, and the Government has provided input on those items. The Clerk’s Office presently intends to make a presentation to the Government and the Reporters Committee within approximately 60 days, in order to preview its pilot project plan and system for electronic filing, and to receive comments from the parties. The parties expect to be able to update the Court by April 30, 2022, regarding the initial rollout of the new electronic filing system.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the stay in this case be extended until April 30, 2022. The parties will provide a further status update to the Court on or before April 30, 2022, to advise the Court of any developments and/or to seek additional time to continue our discussions and to develop, in coordination with the Clerk’s Office, any recommended procedures to resolve the pending litigation.

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katie Townsend

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Application GRANTED.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion at docket entry 46.

Dated: January 31, 2022  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla".

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE